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## **KC MAN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

**Lee A. Casteel**, 34, also known as Junebug, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Casteel** conspired with others to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March 26, 2003, and Sept. 23, 2003.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment allege that **Casteel** knowingly distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on two separate occasions, including Sept. 5, 2003, Sept. 16, 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Casteel** knowingly distributed five grams or less of crack cocaine on Sept. 23, 2003.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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